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SUBJ: CSCE POLICY: ORGANIZATION OF STAGE III

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(B) GENEVA 1745

1. AT FIRST MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE SET ASIDE PER REF A FOR THIS PURPOSE, FINNISH DEL HEAD (ILONIEMI) SUGGESTED EARLY CONSIDERATION OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO STAGE III, IN ORDER TO ASSIST FINNS IN THEIR PLANNING. ILONIEMI CITED CERTAIN SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED AT AN EARLY DATE AND PROMISED MORE COMPLET LIST LATER (WE HAVE RECEIVED ADVANCE COPY FROM NORWEGIAN DEL AND TRANSMIT IT BELOW). ILONIEMI ALSO OFFERED TO BRING OFFICIAL REPOSNSIBLE FOR STAGE III PREPARATIONS TO GENEVA FOR PRESENTATION ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WHICH NEED RESOLUTION. WE WILL NEED GUIDANCE ON THESE ISSUES IN DUE COURSE. AMONG QUESTIONS CITED AT THIS MEETING WAS CHAIRMANSHIP OF INAUGURAL SESSION OF STAGE III, WHICH WE COVERED IN GENEVA 1745.

2. GENERAL REACTION TO ILONIEMI'S STATEMENT WAS SYMPATHETIC, AND THERE WAS SOME FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO STAGE III. NO DELEGATION OPPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A GROUP, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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NATO DELEGATION HEADS LATER AGREED IN CAUCUS THAT WORKING

GROUP COULD BE EXTABLISHED NEXT WEEK. COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL MEET AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT MARCH 18, AND WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT DECISION WILL BE TAKEN THEN TO CREATE THIS WORKING GROUP,WHICH WOULD THEN HAVE ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO MEETINGS OF ITS OWN PRIOR TO EASTER RECESS.

3. DURING COORDINATING COMMITTEE DEBATE, SOVIET DEL HEAD (KOVALEV) COMMENTED ON SEVERAL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RELATING TO STAGE III. HE SAID: (1) SOVIETS FAVOR INVITATION TO UN SEC GEN TO ATTEND STAGE III AND DELIVER A "SPEECH OF GREETINGS," AS WAS DONE DURING STAGE I; (2) DURATION OF STAGE III SHOULD BE SUCH AS TO PERMIT REPRSENTATIVES OF ALL PARTICIPATING STATES TO SPEAK; AND (3) SOVIETS OPPOSE A LONG STAGE III COMMUNIQUE BUT FAVOR A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE "OF A PROTOCOL NATURE," SAYING ONLY THAT STAGE III HAS BEEN HELD. SUCH A COMMUNIQUE SHOULD IN SOVITE VIEW BE DRAFTED IN GENEVA BEFORE END OF STAGE II.

4. THERE FOLLOWS FULL LIST OF QUESTIONS FINNS WANT TO ADDRESS IN WORKING GROUP ON STAGE III, SOME OF WHICH RELATE TO SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS OF HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS (HR):

- 1) ROLE OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE IN PREPARATION OF STAGE III (HR PARA 9)
- 2) ADOPTION OF FINAL DOCUMENTS (HR PARA 12)
- 3) CHAIRMANSHIP (HR PARA 73)
- 4) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (HR PARA 74)
- 5) OPEN OR CLOSED MEETINGS (HR PARA 80)
- 6) COMMUNIQUE (HR PARA 85)
- 7) LEVEL (HR PARA 11)
- 8) DATE (HR PARA 62)
- 9) CONTRIBUTIONS; GUESTS (HR PARAS 56-59)
- 10) DURATION
- 11) SCENARIO (ORDER OF SPEAKERS)
- 12) SIGNATURE AND FORM OF FINAL DOCUMENTS.

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